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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Colonel Stock replaced Gartmann as chief of the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Grenzpolizei (Main Administration for the German Border Police) (HVDGP). Effective 1 April 1955, Gartmann was appointed military adviser to Wollweber, State Secretary for State Security.
2. On 1 April, it was observed that there was no change in the occupation of the border police installation at the eastern town exit of Gardelegen on the highway to Stendal.²
3. In mid-April, Poppenhausen was occupied by 80 to 90 VP personnel, Schweickershausen by about 40 VP personnel, while Gompertshausen, Haubinda, and Ummerstadt were occupied by 40, 300, and 40 VP personnel respectively. The former Kurhaus (casino) at Colberg had been converted into a hospital.²
4. In mid-June, it was learned that the VP unit quartered in the cantonment on Schleusingerstrasse at Hildburghausen numbered about 200 men. The commanding officer of the unit was Colonel Sander.
5. In mid-June, new temporary barracks were being set up on a [REDACTED] the VP billeting area at Heldburg. The VP unit stationed there [REDACTED] of 100 men at most and was under the command of Senior Lieutenant [REDACTED]. Personnel of the unit were rotated; but, the unit was not reinforced.
6. In mid-June, 44 VP personnel were stationed at Holzhausen. On 14 [REDACTED] a field exercise was held in the vicinity of the military post. [REDACTED] VP personnel from other stations also participated in this exercise. The VPs seen wore field uniforms and field packs. The border patrols in the area have carried field equipment since mid-May. Rumors were heard that the border police at Holzhausen was scheduled to be reinforced soon. Work on the construction of shelters for four to six men continued in the border area.²
7. On 30 April, Streudorf was occupied by 30 to 45 VP personnel, Eisfeld by 120 to 150 KVP personnel, and Eighausen and Veilsdorf by about 40 to 80 to 100 VP personnel respectively.²

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8. In mid-April, 47 VP personnel were stationed at Truckendorf, and 70 to 80 VP personnel at Effelder. The unit was under the command of Senior Lieutenant Schattner. In late May, some of the border police employed for patrol duties were armed with Soviet-model automatic rifles. On 17 June, patrol activities were considerably increased.²
9. In mid-April, Koeppelsdorf was occupied by only 30 VPs and Hoenbach by 50 to 60 VPs.
10. On 28 April, the Panzerkaserne at Eisenach housed the Bereich (area) headquarters of the border police. About 200 men were assigned to this headquarters under the command of Major Hermann. The soldiers seen wore green collar patches.²
11. In late May, the Panzerkaserne at Eisenach quartered about 200 VPs. By early June, this number had increased to 120 to 150. Major Hermann was the commanding officer of the unit. The soldiers seen wore green collar patches. The unit was equipped with about 30 passenger cars, 20 trucks, and 10 motorcycles. Work on the enlargement of the barracks installation continued. The unit used the Soviet training area at Kindel, which was also guarded by it.²
12. In early April, a restaurant at Zepernick near Berlin quartered VP personnel who wore green collar patches.
13. On 2 April, the Drachenberg Kaserne at Weiningen quartered a border police unit. Border police were also stationed at Kaltennordheim. ²
14. On 6 May, the Artillerie Kaserne on Wendewehrstrasse in Muehlhausen was occupied by a border police unit.²
15. The barracks installation on the road to the former Halberstadt airfield quartered about 250 border police.²
16. In mid-May, it was observed that the border police in the Hildburghausen and Weiningen areas did their patrol duties in field uniforms with field packs. A number of dugouts and live abatis were also observed. It is believed that the dugouts were constructed in connection with the field-training program for the border police.²
17. In early June, the strength of the border-police headquarters located at Blumberg near Berlin was estimated at from 150 to 180 men.
18. In early April, the strength of the personnel quartered in the billeting area northwest of the Berlin - Adlershof elevated-train station was estimated at 2,500 men. It subsequently dropped again to 1,600 to 1,700 men including civilian employees. Crimson and dark green service colors were observed. Some of the police seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. Infantry training and sport activities were observed. On 6 April, about 500 men and a military band had fallen in on the yard of the installation. An officer was seen addressing the soldiers, who were probably being sworn in. About 25 trucks, most of them 2-axle model IVA trucks, had arrived. ³
19. In mid-April, the former Adlershof Aeronautical Test Institute on Rudower Strasse quartered 300 to 400 men who wore crimson service color. Some of the officers seen wore blue service color. Close-order drill was noticed at intervals. The permanent buildings which did not quarter personnel were used for offices.³ and 4

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20. In mid-May, of the two military installations located on Gross-Berliner-Damm one was occupied by about 500 men who wore silver-bordered light blue collar patches. The unit allegedly belonged to the transportation police. Small details were seen receiving infantry training. The other installation on Gross-Berliner Damm probably quartered a staff. The installation was also occupied by 200 soldiers who wore crimson collar patches. The unit apparently was the [redacted] unit. Many civilians and officers with crimson and light blue [redacted] were seen at the installation.
21. On 8 June, 16 of the 18 temporary buildings in the billeting area 16 - 25 Rudower Chaussee at Berlin-Adlershof were occupied to capacity. The erection of four permanent three-story quartering buildings in the area was planned. Two garages with 36 stalls each were under construction. The soldiers seen there wore red [redacted] collar patches. The postal address of the unit was: Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariate for State Security, Guard Regiment Berlin, Berlin-Adlershof.
22. The division headquarters was said to be stationed in buildings opposite the two military installations on Rudower Chaussee. The soldiers seen there wore red and blue collar patches. The postal address of the unit was: Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariate for State Security, Kaserned Guard Unit, Berlin-Adlershof. 3 and 4
23. On 29 June, about 15 large tents were observed for the first time in the billeting area of guard Regiment Adlershof at 16 - 25 Rudower Chaussee. Each of the tents was occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers who wore violet collar patches. These soldiers were scheduled to move into the free temporary quartering buildings which were recently completed. The installation consisted of 12 to 15 three-story barracks buildings. Another four barracks buildings and six garages, equipped with 10 to 12 stalls, were under construction. 4 and 6
24. KVP General Dr. J. Korfes mentioned on 27 May that the complex of buildings at 103 Heinrich-Mann-Allee in Potsdam had not been confiscated by the KVP but by the State Security Service. The soldiers seen at the installation wore red and blue epaulets. Since mid-May, soldiers in KVP uniform with blue and violet collar patches have been observed in the streets of Potsdam. The service color of these [redacted] is different from that of the soldiers quartered [redacted] and 7
25. In late June, the installation at 103 Heinrich-Mann-Allee in Potsdam quartered about 500 men who wore violet service color. Most of these soldiers were recruits who were being given infantry training. The installation had previously housed epileptics, and later the provincial library. 4 and 7
26. On 12 May, it was learned that those members of the railroad police at Dallgow who were older than 45 had been transferred to the transportation police. They wore the same uniform and badges as the transportation police.
1. [redacted] Comment. Colonel Stock was deputy to Major General Gartmann and as such was in charge of training. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. All these data indicate that there was no change in the OB of the border police. No special importance is attributed to the observations, according to which border police patrols in the Hildburghausen and Meiningen areas wore field uniforms, carried field packs, and were observed constructing dugouts. It is believed that these dugouts were built for observation purposes, while field packs were probably used for training purposes. 25X1

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